

C.E. McCormick carpentry program receives \$5000 grant from Spirit of Construction Foundation



C.E. McCormick carpentry instructor David Lawson and his students are the recent recipients of a \$5,000 grant provided by the Spirit of Construction Foundation.

Presented by SCF board member Gary F. Wolf, the grant will be used for the purpose of creating opportunities for students to become more aware of and knowledgeable about careers in the construction industry.

Check presentation from the Spirit of Construction Foundation. Pictured (l to r): Mary Stratton, Office of Career and Technical Education area supervisor; Mr. Gary F Wolf, John R. Jurgensen Company and SCF board member; KY Tech –C.E. McCormick Area Technology Center principal Joseph D. Amann and carpentry instructor David Lawson.

"The Spirit of Construction Foundation was created in order to promote the construction industry in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area," said Wolf. "What better way to do this than to present grants to schools in our area that have construction curriculum? The Spirit of Construction Foundation is pleased to have the Kentucky Tech - C.E. McCormick Area Technology Center as one of the first recipients to receive this grant."

Lawson found out about this funding opportunity while he and his students attended the yearly Cincinnati Construction Career Fair. Messer Construction Co. and Baker Concrete, two major companies that sponsor the construction career fair have representation on the area technology center's Carpentry Advisory Committee. Both encouraged Lawson to fill out a grant application.

"We are humbled and excited to receive this generous grant because of the impact it will have on our students and those who have an interest in construction careers," said Lawson. "It will allow us to buy some extra supplies and hand tools. We will be able to pay for field trips so our students can meet professionals in the construction industry. We also plan to do some career awareness activities with 8th grade students at the Campbell Co. Middle School. This award is very timely."

According to C.E. McCormick principal Joseph Amann, Lawson is an outstanding teacher who takes learning to the next level and continues to engage his students in rigorous study and relevant activities.

“I’m proud of Mr. Lawson’s efforts to secure this grant,” said Amann. “Our thanks also go out to the business and industry members who were instrumental in guiding Mr. Lawson to this grant. The Spirit of Construction Foundation is on target and our students are beneficiaries of their vision. I have every confidence that Mr. Lawson will ensure the success of this grant and we thank the Spirit of Construction Foundation Board of Directors for their generous support.”

For more information on the Spirit of Construction Foundation, please visit the following web site: <http://spiritofconstruction.org/index.html>



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